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HOUSE BILL 2504
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, to create the Tennessee Correction Academy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is created in the department of correction the Tennessee Correction Academy. The Tennessee Correction Academy shall serve as the primary source of training and staff development efforts for the department of correction, the department of children's services, and the board of parolees personnel.

SECTION 2. To assure consistency of performance standards and application of policies and procedures, all pre-service and in-service training provided to institutional and field office personnel, whether they be publicly or privately managed, shall be accomplished through the Tennessee Correction Academy.

SECTION 3. The academy shall provide training programs for municipal, county and metropolitan correctional agencies, as requested. The academy may charge reasonable fees for such training to cover costs associated with food, lodging, instructional materials, equipment, or services furnished to trainees as determined by the appointing authority.

SECTION 4. The Tennessee Correction Academy shall provide pre-service, in-service and specialized training for all personnel either publicly or privately employed who supervise incarcerated individuals. All newly employed staff will be free from psychological disorder, physically fit, and commissioned for the use of firearms. Such staff shall receive a minimum number of training hours to meet general accepted professional standards.

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SECTION 5. The academy will be managed by a board composed of the commissioner of correction, the commissioner of children services, the chairman of the parole board, the superintendent of the Tennessee Correction Academy, the director of the Tennessee correction institute, and two (2) persons appointed by the governor, one (1) person to represent the sheriffs, and the other person to represent any private concerns.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section __. (a) The following governmental entities shall terminate on June 30, 2005:

() Tennessee Correction Academy, created by Section 1;

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.